

After cancelling High Court appeal

Arab editor to be deported

By JOEL GREENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Palestinian editor and author Akram Haniyeh faces imminent deportation after unexpectedly withdrawing his application to the High Court of Justice against an expulsion order. Haniyeh, who edited the East Jerusalem *A-Sha'ab* newspaper, will probably fly to Europe today, according to an AFP report.

Palestinian sources said Haniyeh took leave of his family on Friday at the central West Bank prison, where he has been held since the expulsion order was issued by OC Central Command Ehud Barak on November 3.

Haniyeh has been accused of being a senior PLO political activist and a conduit for PLO funds and instructions. He has denied the charges.

Haniyeh told his lawyers and a Red Cross representative on Friday that he had decided to drop the application in response to a court ruling last week that nearly all the classified evidence brought against him be kept secret.

The lawyers, Felicia Langer and Avigdor Feldman, spent hours in an unsuccessful attempt to dissuade Haniyeh from his decision. Langer asked the Red Cross representative to help prevent Haniyeh's expulsion to Jordan, where he is *persona non grata*.

In a statement dictated to Langer, Haniyeh said he had decided to withdraw his application "after the court session in which the judges refused to give me or my lawyers an opportunity to see the secret material brought against me in order to rebut it and defend myself. Despite their great efforts and abilities, my lawyers are actually helpless in their defence of my case. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to them for their tireless efforts, and to all those, both Arabs and Jews who stood by my side, the side of justice."

"I am the victim of political revenge for my struggle as a political person, as a journalist and as a writer, to achieve the legitimate rights of my people," Haniyeh said. "Those who think that the policy of deportation will undermine the just struggle of our people for independence."

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Treasury digs in heels on tax panel

By PINHAS LANDAU and AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Staff

The Treasury is stiffly resisting calls by a growing number of the country's economic powerbrokers for an expert committee to design a new plan for income tax reform.

Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno has joined Labour Party ministers, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar and others in calling for such a committee.

Leaders of the Histadrut and Labour Party are stepping up their criticism of what they believe is the poor job done by the Treasury in preparing its tax reform proposal. This criticism is behind their calls for a committee of experts that would design a plan acceptable to the Histadrut and the private employers.

The Treasury's counterattack came at a hastily-convened press conference on Friday afternoon, at which State Revenue Commissioner Yisrael Baron insisted that there was no need for a new committee on tax reform.

Baron said that the Steinberg Committee - which was appointed in 1984 and reported last year - had devoted a large section of its report to proposals on personal and corporate tax reform. These proposals had formed the basis for the Treasury's current plan, he said.

For this reason, Baron concluded, any new committee would be covering the same ground and would only serve to delay implementation of much-needed reforms.

This would be true, he said, whether the panel was of outside experts - such as the Steinberg Committee, which comprised three accountants, three university professors and two lawyers - or of government officials.

Baron's press conference was held at 1:30 Friday afternoon. Such "off-hours," press conferences, particularly on short winter Friday afternoons, have in the past usually presaged dramatic decisions such as devaluations. But this time the briefing was devoted to a detailed review of the tax reform proposals already tabled by the Treasury.

The press conference was apparently held following Bruno's call for an expert committee, which (Continued on Back Page)

Vatican seen behind move

Jerusalem 'puzzled' at clipped itinerary for NY Cardinal's visit

By BENNY MORRIS

Jerusalem over the weekend expressed "puzzlement" and displeasure over the last minute curtailment of New York Cardinal O'Connor's visit to Israel, which begins on Thursday, and unofficially blamed the Vatican for the embarrassing situation that had arisen.

Sources in Jerusalem said that O'Connor - who last Thursday unexpectedly cancelled his scheduled meetings with President Herzog and Prime Minister Shamir and who yesterday announced in New York that his visit would be that of a "churchman," "private" and "informal" - was "as bewildered and surprised as anyone in Israel" by the situation.

Shamir and Foreign Minister Peres on Friday met and decided in principle to forgo meetings with the visiting Roman Catholic prelate if O'Connor insisted on meeting them outside their offices. But the senior ministers did not completely rule out the possibility of such meetings if a mutually acceptable framework for them could be worked out.

It is understood that Peres has not ruled out the possible attendance at a festive, intimate supper for O'Connor to be hosted by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Kollek yesterday reportedly spoke with O'Connor on the telephone and the two men, it is understood, agreed that Kollek would show the prelate round the city sights.

O'Connor was invited last summer by Peres to come to Israel and to see and hear the "Israeli side" in the Middle East conflict. This followed statements by O'Connor in support of the Palestinians.

Last Thursday, the Vatican's representative in Jerusalem, the Apostolic Delegate, informed the Foreign Ministry that O'Connor was scrapping the prepared itinerary, cancelling his scheduled visit to Egypt, shortening his stay in Israel and cancelling his official meetings with Herzog and Shamir.

Officials in Jerusalem assumed that the Vatican had ordered the change of programme and said, basing themselves on communications from New York, that "it is clear that O'Connor is himself embarrassed and bewildered by what has happened."

Israeli officials are carefully re-training from criticizing O'Connor because of the assumption that the change of programme was forced on him by Rome.

O'Connor himself has left open the possibility of "informal" meetings with Israel's leaders, saying that his time-table would be determined only after his arrival in Israel. It is reported that Israeli officials are trying to organize a meeting for O'Connor with Religious Affairs Minister Ze'evulun Hammer.

O'Connor was scheduled to leave today for Jordan and to cross into Israel on Thursday. Israeli officials anticipated that over the weekend, various U.S. political figures, including New York Mayor Ed Koch, would try to persuade O'Connor to go through with as much of the original itinerary as possible.

Officials in Jerusalem hoped that the visit would go through as smoothly as possible and, in view of the expected publicity, would also indirectly benefit the city's tourism industry.

Winds, rain, snow

Jerusalem Post Staff

The winds and rains which raged throughout the country yesterday left 120 crewmen of the USS Bainbridge stranded in Haifa as their ship put out to sea to escape the stormy conditions in Haifa Bay.

Heavy snow fell on the Hermon and in the Northern Golan, obstructing traffic. Five buses with hikers became stuck and were extricated by the army.

Druse villages in Ramat Hagolan have been without electricity since yesterday morning.

In the south, strong winds accompanied by sandstorms felled branches, blocking access to settlements.

On the coast, high waves swept the beaches and damaged recreation structures.

The heavy rainfall in the Tiberias region is expected to raise the Kinneret's water level by several centimetres, and abundant rushing water was reported in the waterways of the Golan and Galilee.

Winds will be stronger today, the weatherman said, but there will be only intermittent rain, and more snow for the Hermon.

The Hermon ski site is closed because the heavy snow has blocked the roads to Nevech Ativ. The site will be open to the public in the next few days, a spokesman said.

Tires slashed in East Jerusalem

Tires on 16 cars in the Christian Quarter of the Old City were slashed on Thursday night, police reported Friday.

The cars, apparently belonging to Arab residents of the quarter, were parked along Latin Street inside New Gate.

The incident is the latest in a series of attacks against Arab property in and around the Old City in recent weeks.

O'Connor prepared to meet Shamir and Peres - but not as Vatican envoy

By WALTER RUBY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. - Cardinal John J. O'Connor is prepared to meet informally with Prime Minister Shamir, Foreign Minister Peres and President Herzog, but only as a representative of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and not as an emissary of the Vatican, according to his spokesman.

O'Connor's spokesman, Msgr. Peter Finn, also said yesterday that contrary to reports in the international press, he "is perfectly willing to meet with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek either in his office or his home."

Finn said that there had been "confusion" over an Israeli-arranged itinerary, which called for meetings with Peres, Shamir, and Herzog, and that the cardinal had sought "clarification."

Finn added, however, that O'Connor had not been aware of Vatican guidelines on visits by church officials to Israel when he first planned the trip with the Israeli consul-general in New York. This may have caused subsequent confusion, he said.

Finn denied reports that the Vatican had ordered O'Connor to cancel meetings with Israel's leaders. "It was not the Vatican," he said. "The cardinal has said very clearly that he accepts all responsibility for any confusion that may have arisen."

The cardinal said from the very beginning that he was going on this trip as president of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association to visit the activities of that organization in Jordan, Israel and Egypt. He has said all along that he would be available for informal meetings (with Israeli leaders) in non-official settings.

A representative of the cardinal, Msgr. John J. Nolan, is in Jerusalem working with the Foreign Ministry to plan the details of the cardinal's visit. The Catholic Apostolic Delegation in Jerusalem is also involved in setting up the trip.

Finn said that the scheduling by (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Grant citizenship to my husband and let him return to his homeland'

Pollard's wife appeals to Israeli government

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. - Anne Henderson-Pollard, the wife of convicted spy Jonathan Jay Pollard, has appealed to the Israeli government to intercede with the U.S. on behalf of her husband.

"I would beg the Israeli leadership - for all that my husband has done for the security of Israel - to grant citizenship to my husband and to let him return to his homeland so that he can become a productive citizen in Israel," she said during the course of several interviews with *The Jerusalem Post* this week.

It was the first time she has spoken out since she and her husband were arrested in Washington in November 1985.

Last June, Anne Henderson-Pollard, 26, pleaded guilty to the charge of illegally possessing classified documents. Her husband, a former civilian intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy, has pleaded guilty to the more serious charge of espionage on behalf of Israel. Both are still awaiting sentencing.

Unlike her husband, Henderson-Pollard has been released on bail, since the end of February.

"The worst part of all of this is the separation from my husband," she said. "That is the worst torture that we have experienced in this whole ordeal."

At 4:00 a.m. last Wednesday, she said, her husband was suddenly moved from the federal prison at Petersburg, Virginia, to another facility, six hours away.

She said the guards had played a cruel trick by first informing him that he was being released to go to Israel. "That's what you want, isn't it?" one guard was said to have asked.

"I became overjoyed with emotion," Henderson-Pollard said. "But then they shackled him with chains, put him in the van, smiled and said, 'Happy Hanukka,' and laughed as extremely close personal friendship with him and his wife, Yehudit, whom they called 'Judy.'"

"I thought he was brilliant and generous and extremely kind - someone who believed in both Israel and the United States. You know how you can instantaneously like someone. I had that feeling about them."

She said that she and Pollard were also very fond of Yosef Yagur, the Science Counsellor at the Israeli Consulate in New York, who later replaced Sella as Pollard's chief U.S. contact. She said she never met Rafael Eitan, the head of the Lekem scientific-intelligence gathering unit in the Defence Ministry. On one trip with Pollard to Paris, she did meet Mrs. Eitan.

She defended her husband's actions, noting that his "main objective was to do everything in his power to avert an Arab-Israeli war."

She said that Pollard never hid his deep ideological commitment to Israel from her. "I knew his politics," she said, recalling the start of their relationship in 1981. They were married in August 1985.

"And I learned more and more from Jay on what it meant to be a patriotic American and a good Zionist. I would like to say that both of us are patriotic Americans. We would do nothing - and we have never done anything - to harm this country. We're also strongly supportive of the existence of the State of Israel."

Henderson-Pollard, whose mother is Jewish, wore a small Star of David around her neck. On the surface, she seemed physically fit, wearing an attractive dress, her reddish-blond hair stylishly cut short.

But after having spent nearly 100 days in an isolated cell in the District of Columbia jail before her release on bail, her health has seriously deteriorated. She lost about 27 kilos. In recent months, she has undergone a major abdominal operation. During her first days in jail, she said she was denied her medication and medical attention.

"I never saw the sun for three months," she said. "I was in a windowless, rat and roach-infested cell. There were days when the toilet didn't work. They would not fix it for days."

She spoke of Pollard's deep commitment to Israel. "Jay stressed to me over the years the importance of Israel, and the fact that the U.S. was not forthcoming with information to Israel, as they had promised." This information was being delayed "or kept out by mid-level bureaucrats, not necessarily high-level Administration officials."

She said that Pollard had not informed his fellow workers at the Naval Intelligence Service that he was Jewish. "It was very important to Jay for them not to know that he was Jewish because he would not have been in the position that he was if they knew."

"I would go with Jay to parties with office personnel and would constantly hear comments, like 'Oh, Jews are so sensitive to gas' - just totally anti-Semitic statements."

She said that she and Pollard had often discussed "the enemy threats facing Israel. We did discuss that at great length. And Jay finally came to (Continued on Page 4)

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90,000 Iranian casualties

Iraq claims offensive crushed

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — Iraq yesterday reported more than 90,000 Iranians killed or wounded in a shattered two-day, two-pronged offensive against its southern port city of Basra.

Iraq said Iraqi reports of its casualties were propaganda exaggerations. Official media repeated earlier statements that its operation, launched on Wednesday night, had achieved its limited objectives.

Iraq's national news agency Inna said 9,500 Iraqis were killed or wounded.

Neither side gave estimates of its own casualties.

A Baghdad high command communique said 32,344 Iraqis were killed in the Iraqi Seventh Army Corps sector in fighting which ended on Friday.

The communique did not mention Iranian losses in the Third Corps sector east of Basra, but the corps commander, Major-General Tali'a

Khalil-Douri told reporters at his headquarters near Basra yesterday that 60,000 had been killed or wounded in his area in a 14-hour battle on Wednesday and Thursday.

Previous Iraqi estimates of Iranian casualties had been 10,000.

Reporters visiting the warfront from the Iraqi side saw the corpses of hundreds of Iraqis littering the ground or floating in swamp waters east of Basra.

They were killed in a 14-hour battle which started on Wednesday night, when Iraq says Iran launched a two-pronged offensive across the Shatt al-Arab waterway separating the two countries east of Basra.

Iraqi army commanders said the two-day offensive was crushed and all fighting was over by Friday morning.

Iraq said its forces had launched only a limited operation and achieved their objectives after

causing about 10,000 Iraqi casualties, including 3,000 killed.

Major-General Tali'a Khalil al-Douri, commander of the Iraqi Third Army Corps, told reporters: "They were not able to advance more than 30 metres...in this sector of the front."

A Reuters correspondent counted 96 corpses in a barbed wire area less than 100 metres in length and only 500 metres from Iranian lines.

"We used tanks, air power, heavy artillery, rocket launchers and intensive machinegun and grenade fire to wipe out their offensive," Douri said at his headquarters north-east of Basra. "Most of the enemy forces were wiped out opposite our advance lines, on the barbed wire and mine fields," he told newsmen on a 50km. tour of the front.

Douri said Iraqi surface-to-surface missiles destroyed the headquarters of two Iranian divisions. (Reuters, AFP)

Captured black guerrilla flees after killing two white S. African guards

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — A captured black guerrilla fought free from his two police guards, grabbed a gun and fatally shot both officers, authorities said yesterday.

Security forces shot and killed four insurgents and captured the fifth man in clashes in the far North-eastern Transvaal province late Friday and early yesterday, the defence force said. It said soldiers confiscated land mines which the guerrillas apparently had meant to plant on border farms.

The captured man was being taken to the regional centre of Messina, near the border, when the incident occurred, police said. The man escaped and patrols were hunting for him.

The outlawed African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla group has claimed responsibility for a series of land mine explosions on white farms near the South African borders with Zimbabwe, Botswana, Mozambique and Swaziland over the past year. Several people have been killed and scores wounded.

The government says the attacks prove the ANC no longer makes any pretence of avoiding civilian casualties in its 25-year-old war to overthrow the white-led government.

The ANC maintains that white farmers on the borders are legitimate targets because they form part of the nation's military commando network.

The South African defence force

announced the deaths of three of the insurgents Friday night, saying the group of five had apparently crossed into South Africa from Zimbabwe on Christmas Eve, carrying land mines.

A farmer out hunting spotted the group sleeping under a tree and opened fire. All five fled, but the farmer alerted security forces who mounted a follow-up operation. Three of the five were killed in a clash and another was captured Friday evening. The defence force said a fourth man was shot dead early yesterday.

Police later disclosed details of the shooting of the two officers by the captured insurgent.

IN BRIEF

Mubarak arranges Hussein-Arafat talks

Jerusalem Post Staff
KUWAIT. — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has arranged a meeting between Jordan's King Hussein and PLO leader Yasser Arafat during the forthcoming Islamic Conference, informed sources reported to the Kuwaiti newspaper, *al-Nahda*.

The sources said that the Egyptian president wished to clear the air between Hussein and Arafat and re-establish diplomatic co-operation between them before Mubarak's visit to Washington in February. Hussein agreed to the meeting during his recent visit to Cairo, according to the sources, and Arafat was persuaded to join in through the PLO offices in the Egyptian capital.

Egypt spurns direct Israel phone link

Jerusalem Post Staff
Egypt has rejected an Israeli request to establish direct telephone dialling between the two countries, the Cairo newspaper *al-Masra* said in an editorial published at the end of last week.

According to earlier reports in Israel and Egypt, Egyptian officials had agreed to a request by Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein to set up a direct-dial link.

11 die in Fiji crash

NADI, Fiji (AP). — A small plane crashed into a grassy slope short of the runway at Fiji's Nadi international airport yesterday, killing 11 people of the 14 aboard, police said. Three others were injured, two critically.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known. Witnesses said the four-engine Heron aircraft was on its landing approach when it suddenly plummeted to the ground about 200 metres short of the runway. Police said six Americans, a Swede and an Australian were among those killed in the mid-afternoon crash.

Shooting range for tourists to China

PEKING (AFP). — Foreign tourists visiting China will have a chance to try out Chinese-made arms from assault rifles to machineguns and anti-tank rockets at a new shooting range to be opened here next year, the official *Hsinhua* (New China) news agency reported yesterday.

A 16-acre (64 dunam) range built in Peking's northwestern suburbs will open to "overseas sports fans and tourists" early next year with a selection of targets including tanks, chest silhouettes, concrete works and balloons, the agency said.

SKI-CRASH. — Thirty people were injured, six seriously, when 10 small cable cars carrying skiers from a car park to the ski runs plunged 12 metres onto cars below at the ski resort of Orres in the French Alps yesterday.



Survivors of the Iraqi Airways crash show the victory sign as they return to Baghdad airport. (AFP photo/EPA-INA/NT)

Survivor gives details of Iraqi airliner hijack

RIYADH (AP). — The hijackers of an Iraqi jetliner detonated two grenades just before it plunged to the Saudi Arabian desert and crashed; a survivor said. Sixty-two people were killed.

The Saudi Defence Ministry said the Iraqi Airways Boeing 737 crashed Thursday during an emergency landing at Arar in northern Saudi Arabia, 400km. south-west of Baghdad.

Suleiman Aarar, a former Jordanian interior minister who was aboard the plane, said it had just entered Saudi airspace when a man stood up with a hand-grenade.

"Three security men jumped up and tried to stop him and wrestled him to the floor, but he slipped out of their grasp and crawled into the cockpit," Aarar said. "The door was slammed shut, then we heard loud noises and screaming from the cockpit and in the economy section. A few moments later, there was an explosion inside the cockpit," he said.

"Then right after that there was another explosion in the economy-class compartment and pistol shots in the cockpit."

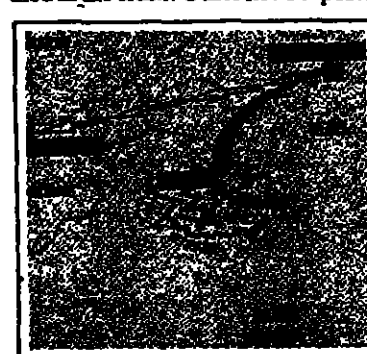
The Saudis said there were 107 people on board: 91 passengers, 15 crew members and a security man. They said 62 of them died and 44 survived, leaving the fate of one unaccounted for.

A doctor in Arar told the U.S. ABC television network that he treated survivors for burns and for bullet wounds they apparently sustained in the fight between the hijackers and security officers.

The plane was flying from Bag-

dad to Amman when it was hijacked. The nationalities of most of the passengers were not released.

An unidentified Iraqi official in Baghdad was quoted by the Bahrain-based *Gulf News* agency as saying one of the two hijackers was killed by a security officer and the other died in the crash. Other news reports



spoke of as many as four hijackers but those reports could not be confirmed. There was no information on the identities of the hijackers or their motives.

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency early Friday said Iran "officially denied" any involvement in the incident. Iraqi spokesman had blamed Tehran for the hijacking.

In his account of the crash Aarar said: "The back of the plane was on fire and the cabin was filled with smoke. Oxygen masks dropped from the ceiling and we put them on our faces. Then the plane started swaying and began a sharp descent, a nose-dive. It hit the ground very hard and the seat cushions came off and we were all on the floor. The fuselage broke in two."

Icy seas claim 15 crewmen as freighters go down

COPENHAGEN (AP). — Fifteen crewmen died in two separate shipwrecks in and near Iceland at the weekend, and three more are presumed dead.

In the first incident, on Christmas Day, six seamen died of exposure when their cargo ship, the 3,500-ton *Sodurland*, sank in heavy seas between Iceland and Norway en route from Iceland to the Soviet port of Murmansk.

A Danish coast guard helicopter rescued the remaining five seamen 17 hours later and took them to the Faroe Islands where they were reported to be in fair condition.

In the second disaster, the 1,260-ton British-owned *Syneta* ran aground at the mouth of Faskrudsfjordur fjord in Iceland.

The crew of 12 apparently jumped into the sea when the ship began to sink. The rescuers recovered six bodies, all in life jackets, the spokesman said, and two other bodies slipped out of their life jackets and sank as they were being pulled aboard trawlers. One crewman was found alive but died later.

The other three crewmen were missing and presumed dead.

Thieves steal jewels worth \$1m. by setting off alarm

MIAMI (AP). — Thieves hauled \$1 million worth of jewelry from a store vault by setting off a burglar alarm then waiting for police to leave.

"We figure that they were laying back somewhere close by, watching and waiting for the cops to leave," detective Ed Tasker said Friday.

The thieves even stole a set of luggage to carry the diamonds, gold watches, earrings, chains and lesser-priced jewelry from Luria's catalogue showroom at a shopping mall in south Dade county, police said.

Officers checked the store when the alarm sounded early Thursday morning, but Tasker said neither police nor the mall guards found anyone in the store or anything out of the ordinary. However, investigators found Friday morning that the alarm's wires had been cut in back of the store. The thieves had pried open the store's front door and cut into the safe with acetylene torches.

Bomb blasts Madrid French-owned hotel

MADRID (Reuters). — Basque separatists said Friday they bombed a French-owned Madrid hotel on Christmas Day, taking to the Spanish capital a reprisal campaign against France's expulsion of ETA guerrilla suspects in that country.

The bomb went off just before midnight as the new 240-room hotel was being evacuated following a warning telephoned by the guerrilla group ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom). There were no casualties, but the blast on the unoccupied third floor blew a large hole in the facade, and burst pipes flooded the lower floors.



Philippine President Corason Aquino has been named *Time's* Woman of the Year. (UPI)

Menorah barred in L.A. park

SANTA ANA (AP). — A legal challenge forced the cancellation of a Hanukkah ceremony in a California Santa Ana public park, but a judge allowed the lighting of a menorah outside Los Angeles city hall.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), a group which pushes for strict adherence to the U.S. constitution, had challenged both ceremonies, contending that religious activities on public property violated the constitution.

In Santa Ana, about 50 kms south of downtown Los Angeles, the city ordered the removal of a 3-metre plastic menorah from Sasser Park. But a defiant rabbi and others lit a small tin version of the symbolic candelabrum.

Meanwhile, outside Los Angeles city hall, the first candle on a 5-metre menorah was lit by city councilman Gilbert Lindsay.

Superior Court Judge Robert O'Brien allowed the lighting outside city hall on the grounds that the outer area was a public park where religion could be freely expressed.

China promises more democratic elections

PEKING (AP). — Peking officials announced yesterday that elections for local legislatures will be held in the Chinese capital early next year and promised the electoral process will be more democratic than in the past.

The announcement was in apparent response to student protests that have occurred in at least nine Chinese cities in the past few weeks. The latest, on Friday night in Nanking, involved some 4,000 students, sources said.

The Peking officials, in a three-day meeting that ended Friday, also approved tough restrictions on demonstrations in the capital, according to reports by the official *Hsinhua* news agency and the *Peking Daily*.

The decision by the standing committee of the Peking Municipal People's Congress, or legislature, said

people's congresses at the district, county, township and village level in the Peking area will be held during the first half of next year.

Elections were last held in 1984, and the terms of office of the local representatives will be up soon, the *Peking Daily* said.

The reports did not say exactly what electoral procedures will be implemented to make the elections more democratic, but quoted committee vice-chairman She Ding as saying the government should stress public participation in elections and debate on major issues.

China's leading newspaper, *The People's Daily*, criticizing the student demonstrations, carried a front page article yesterday warning "Western bourgeois democracy" and saying such ideas have a bad influence on youth.

7th anniversary of armed incursion

World leaders flay Moscow's presence in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (AP). — More than 10,000 Afghan refugees shouted anti-Soviet slogans and burned an effigy of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday, the seventh anniversary of Soviet military intervention in their homeland, as world leaders denounced the Soviet army's presence there.

The protest in Islamabad's business district was orderly and the demonstrators who marched in columns dispersed peacefully after two hours. People came from the neighbouring city of Rawalpindi, as well as Peshawar, a city close to the Afghan border, to participate in the demonstration.

Riot police barred the demonstrators from marching to the Soviet Embassy, 5km. from the site of the protest. Hundreds of police and secret service agents guarded the embassy, which had its huge iron gates locked.

World leaders yesterday accused Moscow of human rights violations in Afghanistan and demanded an immediate withdrawal of all Soviet troops.

President Reagan marked the anniversary by accusing Moscow of making empty gestures and by calling on the international community to support the Afghan resistance. The president praised the courage of the Afghan people, saying they had refused to surrender in the face of "this stark act of aggression."

Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe declared, "There can be no military solution." "We, the European Community and the rest of the world, look to the Soviet Union to agree to a rapid and complete withdrawal of its forces. Only this, not cosmetic gestures, can bring the agony of the Afghan nation to an end," he said in a statement.

Howe was joined by the leaders of China, Japan, West Germany and France. In The Hague, a Soviet Embassy car was set afire Friday in apparent protest of the Soviet intervention.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry called for the total withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan, saying it supported the Afghan people's struggle for freedom.

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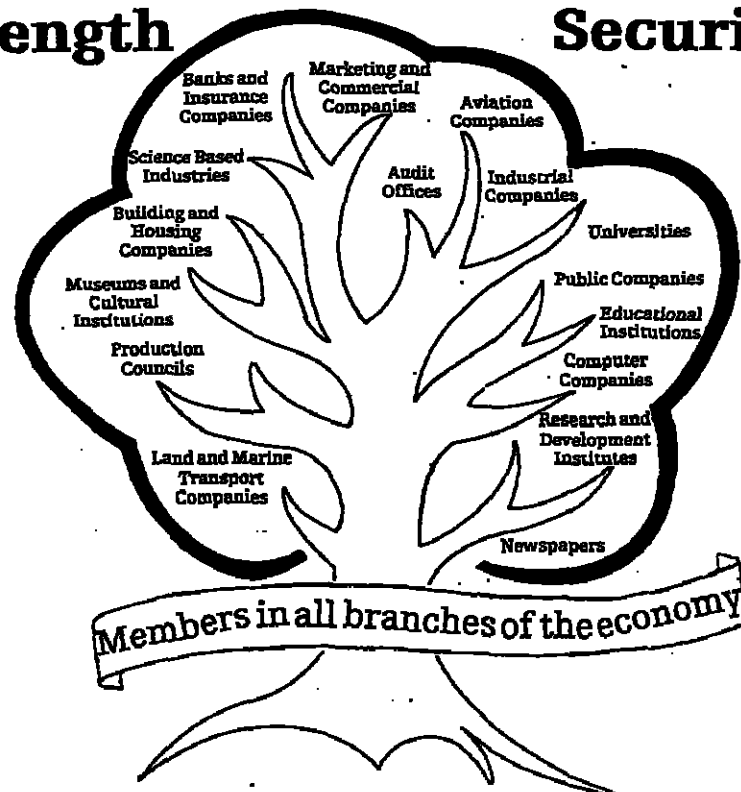
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TODAY

THE BATTLE over the right of women to vote, and to be voted into public office, has not yet been won - at least in the ultra-Orthodox sector of our society. For *haredi* men, whether rabbis or laymen, the question of female suffrage and representation is determined by Halacha, and not by Israel's Declaration of Independence or rulings by secular courts.

In Emmanuel, the *haredi* outpost established by ultra-Orthodox families who crossed the Green Line to enjoy better housing rather than to express any particular political ideology, women do not vote in local council elections. It was decided over a year ago that there would be only one vote per household: the husband's. When one widow complained that she wanted to vote because she had no husband, she was overruled, with nary a protest from her ultra-Orthodox sisters.

When Lea Shkadiel, a modern-Orthodox educator, wanted recently to be appointed to the local religious council in Yerobam, no ultra-Orthodox women protested when her candidacy was rejected. The fight of secular and national-religious women on her behalf - not yet brought to a close - was not joined by Agudat Yisrael or Lubavitch women either.

This is an ironic situation, as ultra-Orthodox women are tending to break out of the traditional roles of mother-housewife these days and - by necessity - are beginning to work in non-traditional occupations while their husbands study Talmud all day in *kollel* yeshivot. With too few jobs available in teaching, these women are studying and working in accounting, computers and even medically-related jobs to support their usually large families.

Because of their flexible schedules, husbands often assist in childcare, taking youngsters to kindergartens and feeding them while the women are away. Some sociologists predict a male-female conflict looming in the *haredi* community as a result of women's increased professional and educational advancement while men remain behind with a deficient secular education and low-level occupational status.

But all this has not yet affected the matter of voting, or of serving as



(Ze'ev Ackerman)



(Israel Sun)

Religious women in certain communities are still being denied the basic rights of voting in their neighbourhoods and of being elected to local office. Latest example: Jerusalem's Har Nof quarter. Judy Siegel-Itzkovich reports.

public representatives. The latest battle in this war is in Har Nof, a new neighbourhood perched above the Jerusalem Forest at the western edge of the capital. The neighbourhood of 1,200 families (due to double and triple in years to come) is comprised of only 60 secular families, and hundreds of Agudat-Yisrael-supporting *haredi* families of various religious views.

The modern Orthodox, concerned that the neighbourhood could "tilt" towards becoming *haredi* but wanting to co-exist with their neighbours, want to encourage other modern-Orthodox Jews to move in. Some of the *haredim* would be happy if Har Nof became another Jerusalem neighbourhood with a clear *haredi* majority - like Geula, Sanhedria Murhev and large parts of Ramot Alon.

Women in the national-religious camp have been the victims in these religious tug-of-wars.

The elections for a neighbourhood council (*minhela*) in Har Nof were delayed for many months over squabbling between various factions over who could vote. If yeshiva students renting dormitory rooms were added to the roster, they could overpower the strength of national-religious residents who owned apartments in the quarter, for example.

It was finally agreed to allow ideological "lists" presenting candidates according to strict criteria, with the vote due on January 6. The *haredi* list of 13 has no women candidates, neither does the list of Bostoner Hassidim - the more moderate, academically-oriented group of followers of the Bostoner Rebbe, Levi Yitzhak Horowitz. The secular resi-

No vote, no voice

dents, of course, proposed women, but their nominating lists contained repeated names and other irregularities and was presented late, so that they were disqualified.

The national-religious women, who have been very active in the community since it opened nearly three years ago, were shocked to learn that no women had been included in their group's 13-seat list. They decided to establish a separate

list that would compete with the other three, but after long negotiations, changed their minds and merged with the modern-Orthodox men to form a united front against the *haredi* and Bostoner lists.

Yet, the demands of the women worried some of the modern-Orthodox leaders in the community - including rabbis - who feared that few *haredi* or Bostoner residents would vote for the national-religious list if it contained women. Others thought that some *haredi* women would be tempted to vote for any list that contained women.

Esther Hazon, a national-religious former member of the outgoing (non-elected) *minhela*, says she and her friends are not struggling for "feminist equality," but for their legitimate right to join in decision-making in Har Nof.

It is the women, she says, who are most affected by the lack of classrooms, kindergartens and day-care centres. With all the ideological bickering, too little time has been devoted to the physical and social development of the new quarter, she argues.

Ironically, Shimi Wachtal, a mother of five, has been a representative of the *haredim* on the outgoing *minhela*. She says she was under much pressure from *haredi* men to resign.

"When discussions were held on the community ritual bath (*mikve*), I was ordered out of the room by the men. And I had to state my position outside and ask a man to voice it."

Wachtal is resigned to the fact that there will be no women on the *haredi*

list, but believes that if there had been only women on the previous *minhela*, they could have "made peace" among themselves and got down to business for the good of the community.

WHAT IS wrong with having a woman run for a neighbourhood council that makes decisions on matters like parks, schools and health clinics?

Maimonides, the great Jewish sage who lived 850 years ago, commented in a verse in the Bible about a "king" being named to rule over the Children of Israel. It says "king" and not "queen," some say, because Maimonides concluded that women are excluded from being in high posts that allow them to "lord over" men. Some commentators said the verse referred only to "queens" and not to women in any other high office.

Agudat Yisrael rabbis would today prefer that women not vote in Knesset and municipal elections, for halachic reasons. But for the practical consideration of the need for extra electoral strength, their women were permitted by the rabbis to cast their ballots.

When Viva Sivan, a modern-Orthodox female lawyer, wanted to run for the Jerusalem Municipal Council, Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira gave her the halachic go-ahead. While there have been women MKs in the National Religious Party, for various reasons they have been underrepresented or even absent from the list in recent years.

Yet *haredi* women in Har Nof, who have been running extensive voluntary services in the neighbourhood (including charity collections, housekeeping help and frozen prepared meals for new mothers and the sick), have not demanded the right to representation.

Still, in Har Nof, in which live a considerable number of women who were born and raised in western, English-speaking countries, few women are living according to the "kitchen-chicken-urchin" straitjacket. They are working in professions and running households, with or without the help of their men. Whether they will demand or receive any representation in the neighbourhood remains to be seen.

FOR MANY years I considered myself the world's champion hitch-hiker, holding records for such unlikely solo runs as Lima-Guayaquil, Yarmouth-Montreal and Tokyo-Nagasaki, not to mention Hanita-Eilat.

Hitch-hiking, refined to an art, was a matter of pride. I remember one night when a friend (claiming the same expertise) and I took our separate posts along the same turf after a class in Jerusalem, heading for her house somewhere along the coast. The idea was to see who would be the first to flag down a passing car.

Eventually a car stopped halfway between us. After we had climbed in, we asked him which one of us he had stopped for. A true gentleman, he said, "Both." So we never did settle that question.

Now, however, although I consider myself still young and daring,

adventurous to a fault, my hitch-hiking days are definitely over. Moreover, although when I was a gung-ho hitch-hiker I promised myself to pick up every stranger once I got my own car, today I only pick up women.

The reason is that four-letter word "fear," a word that had never before entered my private vocabulary. True, I'd had close encounters of the worst kind over the years, but I had managed to escape unscathed and unperturbed, confident in my strength. Today I know that I was very, very lucky.

A growing awareness of how women are perceived by men made me gradually less naive and more in tune with a social image that depicts women almost exclusively as weak, passive victims. Suddenly it was no coincidence that conversations in these strangers' vehicles almost al-

ways, sooner or later, came around to the subject of sex.

It should therefore have come as no surprise that on my job as a reporter, which entails as much reading as writing, I would come across many reports of rapes of hitch-hiking women. Some of the rapists are psychopaths, others are Arab nationalists; some are very like the man next door; some are married and some are not. But there is one clear fact: all the victims are women and all the rapists are men.

SO THE FIRST rule of thumb for surviving the adventure of hitch-hiking would be: don't. However, adventure is no less addictive than narcotics, so withdrawal has only



(IPPA)

Hanukkah lesson

Mum's the word / Judy Labensohn

"So why don't we get vacation too?" a future feminist calls from the back of the class.

"Because *ha-sefer al ha-shulhan*!" I remind her.

"What do children in Israel do during Hanukkah vacation if you don't have any snow to play in?" Mary/Miriam asks. She is a figure skater and perfects ice to Hebrew.

"Many kids go to work with their parents during the week. That's why it's impossible to get any serious business accomplished during Hanukkah, because seven and eight-year-olds are manning the phones in all the government ministries. The country's supply of paper clips is totally depleted by the four and five-year-olds who make necklaces and belts."

"Sounds neat," Bill/Zeev responds for the first time all year.

Torn between the open, creative classroom and the structured, rigid one, I beg them to say, "*ha sefer al ha-shulhan*," just to assuage my guilt.

They mumble their way through and then beg for more details.

"For weeks before Hanukkah, Israeli schoolchildren go on field trips with their class - either to the Israel Museum to see the famous collection of Hanukkah menorahs from all over the world, or to Modi'in to see where the Maccabees lived and

are buried.

"Did you ever go there?" Bill/Zeev asks.

"Sure. One Hanukkah my family drove down to Modi'in and it was so warm we had a picnic.

"What? You can have picnics in December?" Mary/Miriam asks, her book solidly closed by now, though on the table.

"We have picnics all year round in Israel. That's instead of sledding and ice skating."

THE AMERICAN-Jewish children who thought Hanukkah was synonymous with snow and Christmas are finally expressing some interest in their Homeland. Maybe it will even continue if I don't ask them "*Eyfo ha-sefer?*" (Where is the book.) "Tell us more," they entreat. "Homes in Israel nearly go up in flames during Hanukkah because each child insists on lighting the menorah he made in kindergarten

and school. The only other night which comes close to being this bright is Lag Ba'Omer, when everyone burns their old wooden furniture in remembrance of the rabbis and the Romans.

"Do you have Christmas trees, too?" Heather/Hadas asks, concerned whether her Christian father could feel comfortable in Israel.

"Sure. You name it, we got it. Except for snow and the ice skating."

"What about Santa Claus?" Heather/Hadas continues.

I flash back to the want ads in September, before the Hebrew job became available, when I contemplated playing Santa for pay.

"Israeli children don't need Santa Claus because there are many nice old men who bounce little children on their knees and give them whatever they ask for. They're called grandfathers."

"Do you exchange presents on Hanukkah in Israel?" Lucy/Leah asks, feigning intellectual curiosity.

"We exchange doughnuts," I explain. "Mine usually turn out like archeological artefacts and are the subject of bad jokes until Tu B'Shvat."

"Tu B'Shvat?" Josh/Yehoshua exclaims, as if I've just said the magic word and a duck with \$25 in its beak will fall from heaven. "How do you celebrate that?"

They are rapt, my little American Maccabees.

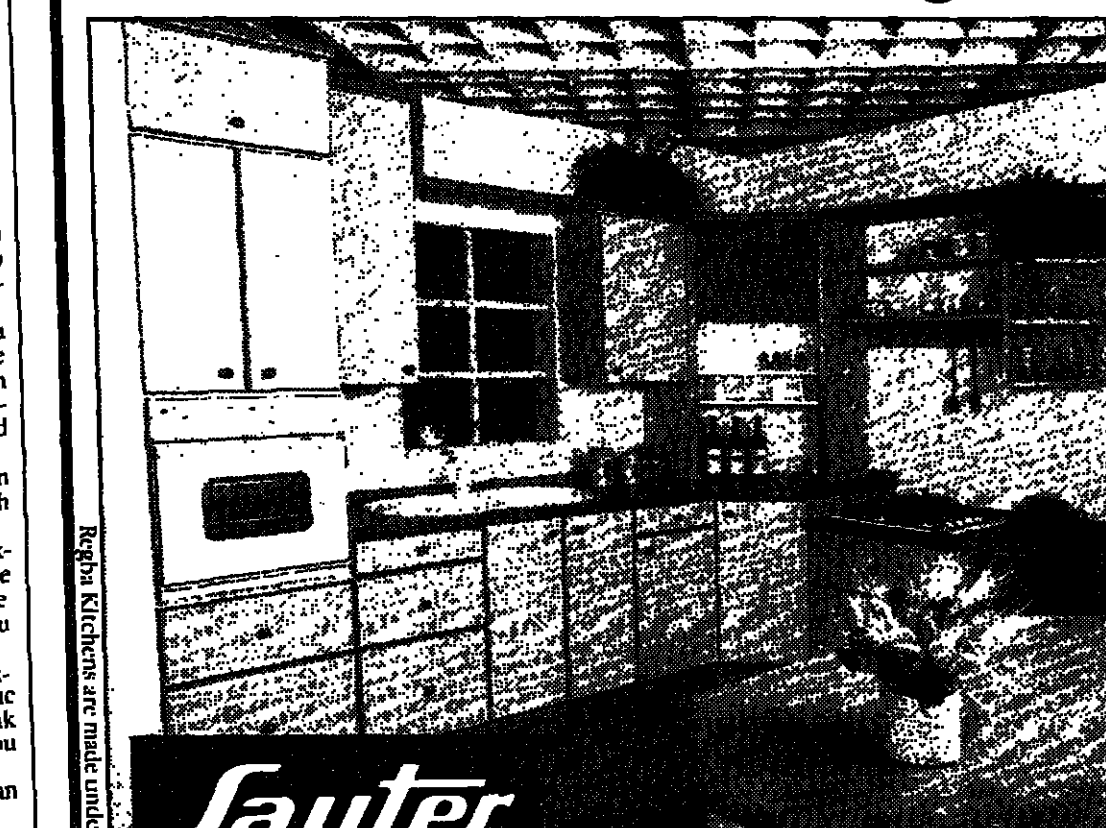
One would think it was noon in public school rather than 5 p.m. in the Hebrew appendage.

"Ah, ha," I say, pointing to their Hebrew books lying on the youth-knee where.

"For that fabulous story, you'll have to pronounce: '*Ha-sefer mi ta-har la-shulhan*.'" (The book is under the table.)

Today is edited by Amy Levinson.

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While the 1982 crash still has the market, confidence has also been sapped by the oil price. Gulf states have been hit by a combination of factors, including a decline in oil prices and a decline in oil prices.

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United down Liverpool

LONDON (Reuters). - Manchester United inspired their faithful fans with renewed hope on Friday that their team would still salvage some glory from a wretched season by beating mighty Liverpool away at Anfield, appropriately on Boxing Day. The great victory was earned by a 78th-minute goal by Northern Ireland international Norman Whiteside. United have thus won four and drawn three of their last seven matches at Anfield.

Yesterday, at home at Old Trafford, United disappointed their vast army of fans by tumbling to defeat at the hands of lowly Norwich. Kevin Drunkel scored the only goal of the match ten minutes from time. Even worse for United, injury-prone captain Bryan Robson went off in the second half with a hamstring injury. Norwich also whipped Forest on Friday.

Liverpool made amends yesterday, grabbing a rare victory against Sheffield Wednesday at their Hillsborough ground. The game seemed set for a draw when Ian Rush sneaked in from nowhere to bag his 22nd goal of the season. Tottenham's Clive Allen is the leading goal-scorer with 28.

Chelsea enjoyed the holidays more than anyone else playing in the league. On Friday they vanquished Southampton at home 2-1, and yesterday two goals by England reject Kerry Dixon swept aside fellow strugglers Aston Villa.

SPORTS

SOCCER

A cold Hanukka for the Toto Cup

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Only the hardened faithful of Jerusalem braved the biting cold wind in any numbers at the YMCA ground yesterday. They left frozen and disappointed as a result of Betar Jerusalem's 2-1 defeat by Hapoel Lod, in the third round of the Toto Cup matches.

The few Lod supporters in the 1,000 crowd were warmed up by their team's fifth consecutive win, thanks to two goals by Benny Smadja in the second half. Yaacov Schwartz had put Betar ahead in the 26th minute, and, though, playing without Uri Maimilian and Avi Gold, Betar appeared to be cruising to their expected win, especially as Eli Ohana was in action.

Betar had most of the game but were sunk by the two Smadja goals, the first from the penalty spot in the 48th minute, and the second three minutes later. The defeat should switch on a warning light at Betar; the league championship is not won yet, even though they hold a seven point lead.

The Toto Cup competition, invented by the Football Association as a stop-gap in the middle of the league season, has simply not captured the imagination of the football fans. The blustery winds and the relatively cold snap - though not bad by European and British levels - yesterday also helped to keep the fans away from the matches.

Maccabi Netanya's streak of awful luck and losses continued yesterday. Agila, Yigal Moshonin scored in the 75th minute, to equalize a David Solomon goal from the penalty spot for Beitar Yehuda. In the last minute David Moshonin scored to give Beitar Yehuda their 2-1 win.

The biggest win of the day was registered by Hapoel Tel Aviv, who trounced Hapoel Kfar Sava 3-0. Hapoel Tel Aviv scored two of the goals, both in the last minute. Yonatan Shukrun added the third.

Kfar Sava were without regular first team goalkeeper Adi Shamir, who was replaced by 36-year-old Avi Sason, who'll get the blame for the defeat.

Maccabi Haifa notched their expected 3-2 win over Beitar Netanya, but it was a close thing. Yossi Edry gave Netanya the lead in the 27th minute. Beitar equalized before halftime. Moshe Selektor and Baruch Maman, who returned to the team after an absence of several weeks, added Haifa goals before Moshe Gensh scored a second Beitar goal. Maccabi Haifa were without Zaid Ansel and Avi Rat in goal.

The opening of the international youth soccer competitions also failed to attract more than a handful of football fans. In Rehovot in the



EMBRACE. - Gerry Vandermeulen of Beitar Jerusalem and Yaakov Benodis, the Hapoel Lod goalkeeper, get together during yesterday's match.

Under 19s competition, Romania and Greece drew 0-0. At Herzliya, Denmark's Under 16 team produced some sparkling play to beat Hungary 2-0. Greece and Romania drew 1-1.

Toto Cup Standings (after three games)

| Group | Team | Goals | Points |
|---------|------------------------|-------|--------|
| Group 1 | 1. Beitar Yehuda | 6-4 | 7 |
| | 2. Maccabi Netanya | 4-3 | 6 |
| | 3. Hapoel TA | 3-4 | 2 |
| | 4. Hapoel Yot | 3-5 | 1 |
| Group 2 | 1. Hapoel K. Sava | 9-4 | 6 |
| | 2. Shimshon | 6-3 | 6 |
| | 3. Maccabi Haifa | 4-5 | 6 |
| | 4. Beitar Netanya | 5-12 | 0 |
| Group 3 | 1. Maccabi TA | 6-3 | 7 |
| | 2. Maccabi Yavne | 5-4 | 4 |
| | 3. Beitar TA | 2-3 | 3 |
| | 4. Maccabi Petah Tikva | 0-4 | 1 |
| Group 4 | 1. Maccabi Jaffa | 5-2 | 7 |
| | 2. Hapoel Lod | 5-6 | 6 |
| | 3. Beitar J'm | 4-5 | 3 |
| | 4. Beitar Haifa | 4-6 | 1 |

Cup Results:
Hapoel Petah Tikva 1, Hapoel Tel Aviv 1
Maccabi Yavne 2, Maccabi Petah Tikva 0
Beitar Tel Aviv 1, Maccabi Tel Aviv 1
Beitar Haifa 1, Maccabi Jaffa 1
Beitar Netanya 2, Maccabi Haifa 3
Shimshon 3, Hapoel Kfar Sava 0
Beitar J'm 1, Hapoel Lod 2
Maccabi Netanya 1, Beitar Yehuda 2

Second Division:
Hapoel Acre 0, Hapoel Hadera 0
Beitar Sheva 0, Hapoel Haifa 3
Beitar Ramat 1, Hapoel Tiberias 1
Hapoel Ramat Gan 2, R. Amnitar 2
Hapoel Dimona 0, Shearim 1
Hakoah 1, Marmorek 1
Hapoel Nahariya 0, Hapoel Holon 2

ENGLISH SOCCER

We love you, Arsenal

By YORAM KESSEL
Post Sports Editor

LONDON. - Joe Mercer led a group of legendary Gunners' giants on the field at Highbury here, balloons filled the sky as if to form a barrage against enemy bombers and 100 young footballers kicked balls into an ecstatic capacity crowd of 38,000.

It was a stirring experience to be present at the celebration yesterday of the centenary of Arsenal, one of the oldest and greatest football clubs in England. Very fittingly, by the end of the day, the Gunners were at the top of the table, with a clear 7 points lead.

But the match on the field, against Southampton, did not provide sentiment and sugar for the anxious Arsenal players and fans. The hard-hearted Saints, with a severely depleted team, decided to concentrate on defense. Against their serious ranks, the Arsenal attacks crashed in vain, time after time, and crashed again. The Southampton defence

behaved as if they were protecting the nearby Crown Jewels.

Only in the 74th minute did Arsenal score. Steve Williams drove a shot against a post, and Nyle Quinn gambled joyfully up to stroke the rebounding ball into the net.

The crowd leapt as one man to their feet, to chant ecstatically over and over again. "We love you, Arsenal."

George Graham's team struck me as being young, enthusiastic, imaginative and daring - they are certainly living down the former Arsenal image of being dull and

On Friday I saw another great North London team in full cry - Tottenham Hotspur. They drilled West Ham as full of holes as a cheese in a 4-0 victory. The mercurial Clive Allen scored two beauties.

It was a delight to see two players wearing number ten shirts weaving magic on both days - Glenn Hoddle for Spurs on Friday, Charlie Nicholas for Arsenal yesterday.

CRICKET

Aussies must fight to beat England

MELBOURNE (Reuters). - Eng-

land allrounder Ian Botham and paceman Gladstone Small had demolished Australia by tea on the first day of the fourth cricket test in Melbourne on Friday.

However, on the second day yesterday Australia restricted England to their lowest first innings total of the series but the tourists were still left 208 runs ahead at close of play.

Small and Botham each took five wickets as the Australians collapsed a few minutes before tea for only 141 runs.

Botham, with five for 41, equalled New Zealander Richard Hadlee's test record of 27 five-wicket hauls and Small recorded his best test performance with five for 48.

Only top order batsman Dean Jones with 59 performed with any authority in the face of the seamers. Resuming at 95 for one, England looked set for a massive total against the lacklustre attack but the Aus-

AMERICA'S CUP

No pleasure for French Kiss

FREMANTLE (AP). - French Kiss

will be flying a protest flag when the gun goes off today in its first match against New Zealand in the America's Cup challengers' semi-finals.

Marc Pajot, skipper of the French boat, told a crowded press conference yesterday morning that the red flag will be flown in the latest chapter over the legality of New Zealand's fiberglass boat.

The two boats are meeting in the best-of-seven series to decide who will meet the winner of the USA Stars and Stripes semi-final series for the right to face the Australian defender for the cup on January 31, 1987.

The French syndicate chairman, Admiral Rene Marquet, said his group has decided not to seek an injunction against New Zealand from the court of appeals of New York state at present, although his syndicate reserved the right to take legal action should its demands not be honored.

The court of appeal is the final arbiter of the America's Cup.

Michael Fay, chairman of the New Zealand syndicate, indicated surprise over the French syndicate's decision to challenge Lloyd's register of shipping's tests of the fiberglass boat.

Fay did indicate willingness to sit down with the French Kiss syndicate in a meeting chaired by Commodore Gianfranco Alberti of the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, sponsors of the America's Cup challenger series. However, Admiral Marquet did not agree to such a meeting at the press conference.

The French syndicate apparently is unhappy about the methods used in the testing and Admiral Marquet referred to the electronic equipment used to test the fiberglass New Zealand boat as "mere toys."

He said earlier that the ultra-sonic and gamma surveying instruments "are not accurate enough on composite materials (sandwich type fiberglass) constituting the hull of the New Zealand challenge boat."

The French are demanding that proof of the tests be furnished and that core samples of the hull be taken.

Pajot said he is anxious to face the New Zealanders on the race course today and denied that the French action was a publicity stunt.

New Zealand won all three meetings with French Kiss during the round-robin portion of the challenger trials.

In the opening round of the defender series semi-finals yesterday, Australia IV moved into a tie for first place with a narrow victory over South's Kidney.

In the other defender race Kookaburra II upset front-running stablemate Kookaburra III.

The win gave Australia IV 54 points. Pulling the Alan Bond syndicate boat even with Kookaburra II, which has led for most of the first three rounds, Kookaburra II is next with 40 points. While South's Kidney has 12.

TRACK AND FIELD

What price pure amateurism?

TAMPA, Florida (AP). - Grand

Prix track and field meets can be very lucrative paydays for athletes.

American athletes - and even some foreigners living in the United States - can put their earnings into the Athletics Congress Trust, a system of keeping track and field athletes from becoming "professional."

Money from competition, along with endorsements, goes into the trust funds. The top American athletes, like Carl Lewis, Edwin Moses and Joan Benoit Samuelson, along with such foreigners as Rob De Castella of Australia and Grete Waitz of Norway, have trust fund accounts.

Nobody seems to be complaining about the trust funds, through which track and field athletes are paid for competing in Mobil Grand Prix meets, under the auspices of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the world governing body for the sport, or in road races.

"Grand Prix meets are attractive events for top athletes," says Primo Nebiolo, the Italian President of IAAF.

"We're not opposed to athletes sitting on trust funds," says Richard Hollander, a spokesman for the Athletics Congress, the national governing body for track and field. The Soviet Union and other Eastern bloc nations, whose "amateur" athletes are state-supported, are not opposed. Tactrust was started on an experimental basis by TAC in 1981.

"The key concept was how to keep the athletic federations of the world in control of the sport," explained Alvin Chriss, the major administrator of Tactrust.

"Athletes had to be compensated. We tried to find a way to compensate them within the rules," he said.

"The public wants to know how a tennis player over 20 can compete in the Olympics and a tennis player under 20 can compete," Chriss said. "They want to know why NHL (National Hockey League) stars cannot compete and Europeans can."

"The public will understand what appears to be confusing if they realize the rules for each sport are set by the individual federations. They adopt rules which will help them."

"In track and field, that way was the trust fund," he said.

Under the programme the athletes are required to put their earnings into a trust fund - in their own account.

"They can take out almost anything they make," Chriss said. "The basic allowance is \$11,423 dollars per year - the average income for a single person to live in the United States in 1984 as determined by the Bureau of Labour Statistics."

Chriss said that withdrawing the first \$11,423 dollars from an account doesn't need TAC consent or supervision. "But we get bank statements, and we know what's going on. We have about 2,500 accounts at this time."

If an athlete wants to exceed \$11,423, it can be done easily. "It's their money," Chriss said.

The money is supposed to be used for training and travel, without jeopardizing an athlete's amateur status. But athletes also have used the money for buying houses, cars and luxuries.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gilton and Yoram Kessel.

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GOLF

CAESAREA. - Bob Ridgion of Caesarea, with 34 points in the A Division, and Ray Brodie of Herzliya, with 40 points in the B Division, both got off to good starts in the first of three legs of the Grand Prix competition sponsored by Israel.

Play was extremely difficult over the weekend because of the icy winds. Dick Fogelson and Jules Cubernik were runners-up in the A and B Divisions respectively. The next leg will be played on January 16.

NBA

PHILADELPHIA (AP). - Moses Malone, in his first game in Philadelphia against his former team, scored 28 points and pulled down 21 rebounds in leading the Washington Bullets to a 102-97 victory over the 76ers Thursday night.

In Friday's NBA games, it was Detroit 121, Golden State 106; Cleveland 121, New Jersey 112; Dallas 123, Denver 121; Los Angeles Lakers 124, Houston 111; Seattle 113, Los Angeles Clippers 107; Boston 122, Phoenix 112.

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Programme:
Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 3
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TEL AVIV,
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Tonight, 28.12.86, 8:30 p.m.

FESTIVE CONCERT
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
EMANUEL AX
piano
PINCHAS ZUKERMAN
violin
LYNN HARRELL
cello

Programme:
Bach: Violin Concerto in A Minor
Saint-Saens: Cello Concerto No. 2
Beethoven: Triple Concerto

TEL AVIV,
Mann Auditorium
Monday, 29.12.86, 8:30 p.m.

FESTIVE CONCERT
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
ITZHAK PERLMAN
violin

Programme:
Bach: Violin Concerto in A Minor
Saint-Saens: Violin Concerto No. 2
Beethoven: Violin Concerto

TEL AVIV,
Mann Auditorium
Tuesday, 30.12.86, 8:30 p.m.

GALA CONCERT
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
ROBERTA ALEXANDER
soprano
FLORENCE QUIVAR
mezzo-soprano
SHLOMO KINTZ
violin
ITZHAK PERLMAN
violin

Programme of works by:
Mozart, Mahler, Verdi, Bizet, Saint-Saens, Kreisler, Puccini, Rimsky-Korsakov, Seltzer and Sousa

TEL AVIV,
Mann Auditorium,
Wednesday, 31.12.86, 8:30 p.m.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 5
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
FLORENCE QUIVAR
mezzo-soprano

Programme:
Tall: Symphony No. 4
Mahler: Kindertotenlieder
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

TEL AVIV,
Mann Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
Series F: Saturday, 3.1.87
Series G: Sunday, 4.1.87

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 5
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
KATHLEEN BATTLE
soprano

Programme:
Tall: Symphony No. 4
Mahler: Kindertotenlieder
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

TEL AVIV,
Mann Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
Series H: Monday, 5.1.87

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 4
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
KATHLEEN BATTLE
soprano

Programme:
Rimsky-Korsakov: "Russian Easter"
Overture
Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5
Mozart: Exultate Jubilate
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

HAIFA,
Haifa Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
Series A: Tuesday, 6.1.87

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 4
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
KATHLEEN BATTLE
soprano

Programme:
Rimsky-Korsakov: "Russian Easter"
Overture
Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5
Mozart: Exultate Jubilate
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

HAIFA,
Haifa Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
Series B: Wednesday, 7.1.87

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 5
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
KATHLEEN BATTLE
soprano

Programme:
Rimsky-Korsakov: "Russian Easter"
Overture
Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5
Mozart: Exultate Jubilate
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

HAIFA,
Haifa Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
Series C: Thursday, 8.1.87

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 5
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
KATHLEEN BATTLE
soprano

Programme:
Rimsky-Korsakov: "Russian Easter"
Overture
Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5
Mozart: Exultate Jubilate
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

HAIFA,
Haifa Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
Series D: Friday, 9.1.87

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 5
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
KATHLEEN BATTLE
soprano

Programme:
Rimsky-Korsakov: "Russian Easter"
Overture
Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5
Mozart: Exultate Jubilate
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

HAIFA,
Haifa Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
Series E: Saturday, 10.1.87

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 5
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
KATHLEEN BATTLE
soprano

Programme:
Rimsky-Korsakov: "Russian Easter"
Overture
Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5
Mozart: Exultate Jubilate
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

HAIFA,
Haifa Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
Series F: Sunday, 11.1.87

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 5
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
KATHLEEN BATTLE
soprano

Programme:
Rimsky-Korsakov: "Russian Easter"
Overture
Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5
Mozart: Exultate Jubilate
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

HAIFA,
Haifa Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
Series G: Monday, 12.1.87

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 5
ZUBIN MEHTA
conductor
KATHLEEN BATTLE
soprano

Programme:
Rimsky-Korsakov: "Russian Easter"
Overture
Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5
Mozart: Exultate Jubilate
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

HAIFA,
Haifa Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
Series H: Tuesday, 13.1.87

Time to resettle the refugees

Shaul Ramati

KING HUSSEIN'S \$1.275 billion five-year West Bank development plan, if wisely executed, could make a lasting contribution to peaceful coexistence between Jew and Arab in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. His initiative deserves the support of all who want peace for it aims to solve human problems that should have been solved long ago. These problems must be dealt with separately from the political conflict that caused them and which may, itself, be irresolvable, at least for a long time to come.

King Hussein knows what he is doing. He neither needs nor wants more radical West Bankers in his kingdom. That could well be his end. But he does need enough influence over them to ensure that they do not plot against his regime. For this he needs Israel's cooperation. He drove the PLO out of Jordan 16 years ago amid great bloodshed. Now, he would much rather that Israel do the dirty work of dealing with the terrorists.

Such cooperation with Israel is both possible and mutually beneficial, he knows, but only as long as there are neither formal negotiations nor written agreements which could expose him to attack as a traitor to the Arab cause. The de facto peace between Jordan and Israel these last 16 years does not rest on so much as a single signed document. But more traffic, tourism and trade have passed over the "open bridges" with Jordan than over the border with Egypt, with which all these matters were laboriously negotiated and formally agreed upon.

And the Jordanian border is no less peaceful. The development plan, which does not distinguish between refugees and permanent residents, is calculated to consolidate this peace. Formal negotiations can only disturb the tranquility, as both sides know that the gulf between their official positions is unbridgeable at this time.

Despite radical opposition, the Hussein plan can succeed if it wins sufficient international support. Jordan did wonders in "Jordanizing" the West Bank in the 19 years of its occupation of Judea, Samaria and East Jerusalem. The inhabitants of these areas are Jordanian citizens and hold Jordanian passports. Their families control the Jordanian economy and are amply represented in Jordan's government, parliament, army, academia, press, and diplomatic and civil services. Though Palestinians account for the majority of Jordan's population, Jordan can cut or suspend its ties with the West Bank at will. The "carrot" of funds and favours was administered by Jordan through its appointed mayors and, even more so, through its district representatives. The latter controlled all patronage and without their agreement nothing could be done.

Israel has shown less intelligence. It held elections in Judea and Samaria in 1976, in which Jordan's supporters were ousted from position of power and influence, losing to representatives of the PLO. It allowed the PLO to gain control of social, welfare, economic and educational institutions and organizations and to distribute funds to them.

Now King Hussein is trying to re-establish his influence, in the West Bank and in Gaza, at the PLO's expense, by the same methods that proved so successful in the past. But this time he needs both Israeli and U.S. support and cooperation — preferably undeclared.

King Hussein started by closing 25 PLO offices in Jordan and expelling PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's deputy Abu Jihad. He has indicated that he would acquiesce in Israel's appointment of mutually acceptable mayors in Judea and Samaria, through whom money from the five-year plan budget could be channelled. Mohammed Rashad al-Jabari of Hebron, Khalil Musa Khalil of Ramallah, Walid Mustafa Hamad of el-Bireh were summoned to Amman and encouraged to take office. The mayor of Dura, brother of Village League leader Mustafa Dadein — supposedly the voice of the "silent majority" of Arab farmers in Judea and Samaria — was also promised the king's support. To quiet opposition, pressure was exerted on Fatah sym-

pathizers by making it difficult for them to cross the bridges. The three mayors that Israel appointed in Hebron, Ramallah and el-Bireh in September, with a nod from Jordan, have yet to be murdered at Syria's command or by the PLO as many had feared would happen.

The king's plan is designed to demonstrate to West Bank inhabitants that their interests lie with Jordan. His main opposition is in the refugee camps. With U.S., Western European, Japanese and Israeli help, the \$1.27b. plan could eliminate these hotbeds of terrorism and PLO strongholds.

DIRECT U.S. AID to West Bank Arabs is distributed through five private voluntary bodies, on the recommendation of PLO-controlled social and welfare organizations. Some three months ago, the U.S. consul-general in Jerusalem, Morris Draper, announced that these funds, some \$14.9 million annually, would henceforth go mainly to help entrepreneurs. If the U.S. was to distribute the funds directly, it could do so in coordination with Jordan's five-year plan.

At the request of Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan, Germany, too, has now offered help to the West Bank and Gaza, mainly in the health field. (Israel has already approved the German aid.) Japan has also expressed an interest in helping the Arabs of the territories. In all, 10 Western ambassadors were summoned by Hassan and asked to participate in the Jordanian plan.

The Hussein plan, like the Camp David agreements, makes no distinction between permanent residents and refugees in the administered areas. From the beginning, Unrwa included indigent non-refugees on the refugee rolls. Its services today are essentially limited to educational and health. These services could be better handled by the local authorities, with support from the Civil Administration and Jordan. The only respect in which Unrwa could not be replaced, is as a symbol of international responsibility for the Arab refugee problem and as a means for its perpetuation. By aiding refugees both inside and out-

side the camps, without regard to their needs, Unrwa maintains them as a separate body with an identity of their own. Its 17,000 Middle Eastern employees, many under de facto control of the PLO, need the camps in a miserable state, projecting a "temporary, transitional" image. The employees' salaries eat up much of Unrwa's budget.

The \$67 million the U.S. allots yearly to Unrwa would be better spent if it was channelled through Jordan to specific projects, approved by the U.S., to resettle the refugees and solve their problems. The U.S. would thus not only increase the stability of the area, but also encourage ever-closer Jordan-Israel relations.

This is also the time to wipe the dust off the 1983 report of the inter-ministerial committee for solving the refugee problem through resettlement, which was chaired by former minister without portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat. The report noted that most Palestinian Arab refugees had fully integrated into Arab society, wherever permitted. In fact, their refugee status had provided them with opportunities often unavailable to the average resident of Arab states. Quoting the Unrwa report of 1982-83 it said that "several camps contain large numbers of people, who are neither registered refugees, nor even registered camp residents. The camps built on the outskirts of cities have tended, with the passage of time, to merge with these cities and to become indistinguishable parts of them."

The Ben-Porat report also noted that in the eight Gaza camps, 25,000 of the 170,000 residents were not actual refugees, while in Judea and Samaria only 80,000 refugees were living in eight camps. The statistics showed little difference between the average standard of living of camp dwellers and that of the ordinary population.

Dismantling the refugee camps or reconstructing them would solve problems. It would not weaken Palestinian claims for a state. On the contrary, the camp residents would be resettled permanently on land they would own, in dwellings enjoying proper infrastructure and

communal services. The camp residents would ultimately become fully integrated in the local population. Unrwa health and educational services, presently provided only to refugees, would be progressively integrated with those provided for the rest of the population.

The committee estimated that it would cost \$1.5b. to rehabilitate the refugees in areas under Israel's control. Much of this cost could now be borne by Jordan under its five-year plan. Israel could contribute indirectly through development projects informally coordinated with the Jordanian monarch.

The king could help relieve the overcrowding of the Gaza Strip by granting the Arabs there Jordanian citizenship and allowing them into Jordan. Jordan could help them find work and resettle.

In view of the apparent decline in the PLO's capacity to terrorize its opponents, tacit acceptance of the five-year plan by the Arabs is becoming increasingly possible.

The \$40m. from the Gulf Arab states, distributed annually through the joint Jordan-PLO committee, could be added to the fund to be set up under the five-year plan. Saudi Arabia could funnel most of the funds it gives annually to the PLO directly into projects for the benefit of those the PLO still claims to represent.

The plan calls for spending \$254m. a year. Over the five-year period a total of \$522.5m. is earmarked for housing, \$70m. for universities and another \$70m. for teachers. The plan also calls for investment in tourism and existing light industries in the West Bank. Through the plan Jordan should be able to gain predominant influence over its citizens under Israeli administration.

However vociferous UN, Soviet and radical Arab criticism, Israel, the U.S., Western Europe and Japan should help Jordan's five-year plan succeed. In this way, they will help alleviate human suffering and defuse the Israel-Arab conflict.

The writer is director-general of the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries, and a former diplomat.

Rome and Jerusalem

CARDINAL John O'Connor, the head of the Archdiocese of New York, is to usher in the New Year with a visit to Jerusalem later this week. As one of the leading Roman Catholic cardinals, his visit to Israel at the invitation of then prime minister Shimon Peres should certainly be regarded as a significant event in the complex and slowly developing relationship between the Vatican and the Jewish State.

Although Cardinal O'Connor is coming to the Middle East formally in his capacity as President of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and will include a visit to Jordan in his trip, his visit to Jerusalem will certainly be the highlight of his tour. It is, therefore, most regrettable that the Apostolic Delegate in Jerusalem, the official representation here of the Holy See in Rome, is reported to be making efforts at the last moment to play down the political significance of Cardinal O'Connor's visit by trying to curtail his meetings with Israel government leaders.

In doing so, the Apostolic Delegate is undoubtedly acting at the behest of a number of more conservative members of the Vatican's Curia who apparently have not yet come to terms with Pope John Paul's recent more conciliatory attitude towards the Jewish people.

This attitude was highlighted by the pope's visit last April to the synagogue in Rome where he deplored "hatred, persecution and all manifestations of anti-Semitism directed against Jews in all ages and by whomever.... I repeat by whomever." This re-emphasized "whomsoever" was widely interpreted at the time as referring to the Roman Catholic Church itself.

The second significant passage of the pope's address at the Rome synagogue, which was broadcast at the time by the Vatican radio referred to the Jews as "our dearly beloved brothers, and in a certain way, it could be said, that you are our older brothers."

Cardinal O'Connor's visit to Israel, whether in a formal or informal capacity, has been discussed and carefully prepared for several months. Mr. Peres's formal invitation was conveyed to him last summer following the cardinal's visit to Lebanon in June, after which he stated that "somehow a homeland has to be provided for the Palestinian people." He added: "It is not for me to talk about statehood or protocol or official recognition or whatever. But from a moral perspective, these people have to be given a homeland. Otherwise, everything spills over into every area, and that has to result in a very volatile situation."

The purpose of the invitation to visit Israel was meant for Cardinal O'Connor to "see the other side of the story," as an Israeli diplomat put it at the time.

It was apparently obvious to all sides throughout that the cardinal of New York which has an equal number of Jews and Catholics could not visit Israel without seeing President Herzog, Prime Minister Shamir and Foreign Minister Peres, even if his itinerary was not formally prepared by the Israel government.

The cardinal's spokesman in New York now claims that a certain "confusion" has arisen over the itinerary because Cardinal O'Connor "had not been aware of Vatican guidelines that governed church officials in making such a trip, when we had begun to make plans for the visit together with the Israel Consul-General in New York."

There are apparently no such guideline difficulties regarding the cardinal's visit to Jordan where he is scheduled to meet King Hussein earlier this week.

A good part of the goodwill that could have been generated by Cardinal O'Connor's visit here has already been marred by these squabbles.

His outstanding record in support of the cause of Soviet Jewry notwithstanding, Cardinal O'Connor should now seek the highest intervention of the Holy See in order to be allowed to make his visit to Jerusalem according to its original schedule so that it would indeed become the kind of significant event it was meant to be.

TREASURY

(Continued from Page One)

came in an interview published in *Ma'ariv* on Friday. Finance Minister Moshe Nissim and Vice Premier Shimon Peres are to meet tonight with Kessar to negotiate on the proposed reforms in the tax system and the capital market.

Peres and Nissim were appointed by the cabinet last week to hold talks with the labour federation and the employers on the reforms.

In addition to reiterating his demand for a panel of experts on taxes, Kessar is expected to tell the two ministers that the Histadrut is willing to reach agreement with the government on price stability, capital market reform and encouraging exports.

The Treasury's economic programme came under attack from another direction on Friday, when Education Minister Yitzhak Navon met with the members of the inner economic cabinet. Navon said the Treasury's planned NIS 30 million cut in the education budget would cause the dismissal of thousands of teachers, the closure of hundreds of classrooms and a drastic reduction in teaching hours.

The inner economic cabinet — Prime Minister Shamir, Peres, Nissim, and Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi — has been meeting with other ministers on proposed budget cuts. It is to decide how much will be slashed from each ministry's budget, and is expected to

announce its conclusions later this week.

Navon was only the latest minister to express opposition to cuts in his budget. Tourism and Justice Minister Avraham Shafir told an inner economic cabinet meeting on Friday that there was no room for reducing his ministry's budgets.

With opposition to the cuts growing, Treasury officials have begun to doubt that NIS 486m. can be trimmed from the state budget, as planned by the Finance Ministry.

The Histadrut Teachers Union, meanwhile, has threatened sanctions while the Hanukka school vacation if the education budget is slashed.

Union Secretary-General Yitzhak Weiler said on Friday that he had called an emergency session of the union's council for today to discuss the effects of such budget cuts.

At the Treasury press conference Friday, Baron's starting point was the sharp turnaround in the relative tax burden of wage-earners versus that of the business sector since the fall in inflation and the enactment of a new corporate tax law in August 1985.

Whereas in the 1984/85 tax year, he pointed out, 54 per cent of total tax collection had come from salaries and only 46 per cent from businesses, the 1985/86 year saw that reversed — salaries contributed only 42 per cent, whereas business paid 58 per cent of the total taxes.

READERS' LETTERS

BBC BIAS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — After many years of not listening to the BBC because of what I felt was extremely biased anti-Israel reporting, I was persuaded by friends that it really was not so and tuned in on Sunday, December 14, at 9:30 a.m., only to hear not one, but two vicious anti-Israel "special reports" within five minutes — one by Paul Reynolds and one by Felicia Langer, who described Israel as "the root of all evil."

DAVID AARONS
Jerusalem.

Sir, — Listening to the BBC news at 8 a.m. on December 9, I was

SMOKING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Congratulations to the Health Ministry for extending the no-smoking laws. Nevertheless, more must be done to discourage potential and new smokers.

I live near a high school and am shocked to see the number of stu-

dents and teachers lighting up right outside the school. When I was a high school student in New York 15 years ago, only a handful of pupils dared to smoke — usually in the washroom.

ROSANNE SAGER-TZUK
Rishon LeZion.

HERZLIYA'S FINANCES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Robert Rosenberg in his account "Premier on parade" (December 19), states that when Landau became mayor of Herzliya, "banks were bouncing City Hall cheques," implying that that was the situation during my administration.

Never, at any time, during my 14 years as mayor of Herzliya, did any cheque of the municipality "bounce" nor were there any cases of salaries not being paid. This was so even though they were years of heavy investments in the development of Herzliya's infrastructure.

MISHKENOT SHA'ANANIM ART GALLERY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Many thanks to Meir Ronen for his remarks on November 28, about the Fisher Hall Art Gallery at Mishkenot Sha'ananim.

For your readers' information, opening hours are as follows:

1. For the benefit of visitors who are not free during work hours, Sunday and Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
2. For school children and tourists, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
3. Like the Israel Museum, Tuesday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
4. Mondays closed.

KARIN MOSES
Director,
Mishkenot Sha'ananim
Jerusalem.

EMUNAH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Emunah Women of America wish to reach former members now living in Israel permanently or temporarily so as to update their mailing lists. Please send your name, present Israel address, and phone number to the undersigned at 3/10 Diskin Street, Jerusalem; or to Leah Gross, Ha'atzmaut 42, Petah Tikva.

JUDITH PERLMAN
Liaison Committee,
Emunah Women of America
Jerusalem.

PLANS FOR WEST BANK ARAB VILLAGES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Abraham Rabinovich's article based on the Reichman Report ("Arab villages engage in pre-emptive activity" — December 12) seems to totally ignore the Civil Administration's Planning Department and its functions.

Up till today, out of about 400 villages of the West Bank, about 200 have plans.

I use the term villages loosely, because a number of them are but a

collection of a dozen houses or so.

Plans for the sedentarization of the Beduin have been largely completed.

The plans for the villages are in various stages of completion and approval. Their technical quality is bound to be uneven considering the large numbers involved and the desirous amount of money paid to the planners. Hence plans exist and developers can be made to adhere to them. That Arabs (and Jews) do not

always build with official permits is common knowledge.

However, you write: "Arabs... upon showing a permit obtained from the Israeli authorities... are granted funds for building." It follows that only those who build wholly with their own money do so illegally, or that the Civil Administration issues building permits recklessly, or that the conclusions of the report are totally wrong. I believe the latter.

F. DARNELL
Jerusalem.

GLIMMER OF HOPE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It was a pleasure to read Pinhas Landau's "Market Place" commentary "Hoteliers moan in Jerusalem" (December 8). I see a glimmer of hope that we have people in Israel who can add and subtract. It is sad but true that some businesses are doomed from the start, but better to fold quickly than to be put on a life-sustaining machine (government) and slowly suffer the inevitable consequences.

MIRIAM LUXENBERG
Tiberias.

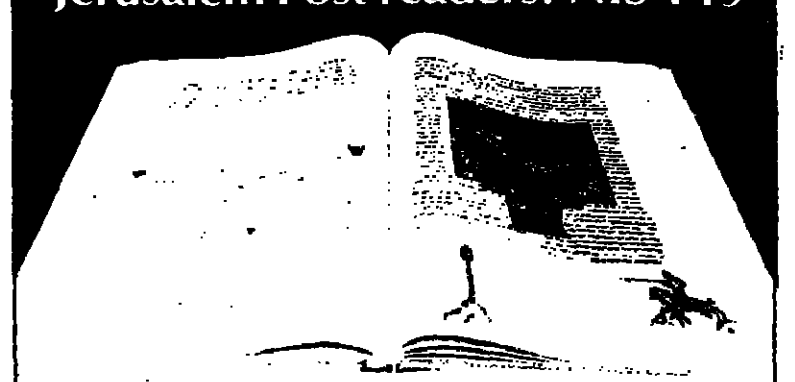
TUT-TUT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Tut-tut, Marsha Pomerantz ("Censor steals the show" — December 12). It was Mark Anthony who insisted that Brutus was an honourable man, Caesar was dead by this time.

See Julius Caesar, Act 3 Scene 2. Mark Anthony's oration over the body of Caesar.

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